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In re: DeSimone et al.  
Serial No.: 09/641,815  
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For: CARBON DIOXIDE-SOLUBLE POLYMERS  
AND SWELLABLE POLYMERS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE  
APPLICATIONS

November 8, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 9, 2001. Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-20 and 47-48 without traverse. Accordingly, Applicants request cancellation of Claims 21-46 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Claims 1-20 and 47-48 are elected without traverse since it is believed that they are patentably distinct from the non-elected claims.

Within the elected claims, Applicants elect the examination of hydrogenation reactions. Currently, Claims 1-20 and 47-48 are believed to be readable on the elected species. Applicants point out that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Respectfully submitted,



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